

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): P. Bonutti et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING  
BODY TISSUE

Examiner: Mark F. Mashack

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on May 14, 2010, Applicants request continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet.